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THE SOUTHEAST.

Pemiscot Argus: Some time ago, Tom Johnson secured a license to conduct a saloon in the old Tennessee Hotel. At that time, it was a matter of current rumor that J. W. Stephens was the financial backer.

Recently, there was some trouble between Stephens and Johnson and the former put Fred Morgan in charge of the business. Prior to that time, Johnson had had charge of the books and had made the deposits in his name, but after Morgan had assumed charge, Johnson had no further control of the books and the deposits were made in the name of Stephens.

Johnson objected to these proceedings and was turned out by Stephens, who refused to deliver the books or the license. By means of a replevin suit instituted in the justice court of Esq. S. H. Steele, Johnson secured the license but the constable, for some reason, did not secure possession of the books.

When the license was removed from the building, the saloon was closed. Lawyers representing the persons in controversy arranged for a compromise by the terms of which Johnson was to receive \$250 for the use of the license and thereupon, the saloon was reopened. Johnson was not in charge, had no voice in the management of the business, nor the employment of any of the help, and yet, according to the license, the saloon was being conducted by him.

However, last Saturday, city attorney Reeves filed a complaint, charging Stephens with selling liquor without a license and after the warrant was served, the saloon was closed and will probably remain so until the courts act upon the saloon petition of Fred Morgan.

Portageville Critic:—If there is any difference between the Democratic and Republican parties, as shown by the members of congress and senate of the United States, it will take a microscope to detect it. We have stood for the old-time Democracy for thirty years, but there is not enough of it left to tie a shoe-string on. The people are growing more Socialist every day and the conduct of those we entrust to make our laws is the cause of it. If Socialism was not confounded with anarchy by the ignorant and semi-learned, there would be more Socialists.

The Cape Democrat has changed its name to the News, and announces that "politically the News is a Democratic paper from core to hunk." Now, if you know what that means, you may be able to locate that paper politically. But if they didn't keep repeating it and telling their politics I couldn't tell a Democrat from a Republican paper. Possible the editor was brought down from St. Louis to "redeem" Southeast Missouri.

Marble Hill Press: R. B. Conrad had the misfortune to get his hand in reach of a copperhead snake last Thursday evening, and he had a bad hand several days, but is much better now. The snake had gone in the basement of his house some time that day and found a hiding place in a sack of potatoes and when Burns put his hand in to get out potatoes for supper his snakeship resented the intrusion.

Poplar Bluff Republican: A most wonderful chicken has been placed on exhibition by John Freer. It has four feet and legs but aside from that it is like any other chicken just a few days old. Much attention has been attracted by the peculiar little chick and there has been much speculation as to whether it will live, but every effort to raise it will be exerted.

During the drummers parade at Caruthersville \$2,500 worth of diamonds were stolen from the show window of the Goodrich jewelry store.

OBEYING DOCTOR'S ORDERS.

A prominent physician of Baltimore tells of an amusing experience of the early days of his practice when he was residing in a small town where by far the majority of the workers were coal miners.

"I was greatly distressed by the unsanitary conditions prevailing in their cottages," says the doctor, "and among other things I tried to explain to each household the importance of maintaining a wholesome atmosphere in the sleeping rooms. I laid in a stock of thermometers, which were distributed to the households where they were most needed. I took pains to point out to each family in turn just how the thermometer would indicate the proper degree of temperature."

"As I was making the rounds one day I inquired of the woman at the head of the establishment, wherein I observed my thermometer proudly displayed at the end of a string, whether she had followed my instructions."

"Yes, sir," answered she, "I'm very careful about the temperature. I watch the thing all the time as it hangs up there."

"What do you do when the temperature rises above 68?"

"I take it down, sir, an' put it outside till it cools off a bit."—Newark Star.

Push the due bill plan. See that your neighbor gets the Kicker.

GRADUATING EXERCISES.

Although the weather appeared anything but fair last Friday, yet people from all over the county began early to gather here for the county graduating exercises of the 8th grade pupils of the schools.

At noon all enjoyed a basket dinner spread in the court yard, and at 1:30 the crowd filled the court house to overflowing. Many could not enter. After music by the band and prayer by Rev. Forsyth, the declamation contest for the gold medal began and was won by Miss Louise Morris, of Blodgett.

The scholarship medal for the highest average of the county was carried off by Wm. Karlish of Illinois. The declamation in Latin and German by Theon Schoen, of New Hamburg, was, for an eighth grade pupil, considered a novelty.

The people showed great interest in the school work and Superintendent Smith was justly proud of the large attendance. It would be difficult to guess the size of the crowd had the day been favorable.

The afternoon program closed about 3:30 and threatening clouds accompanied by heavy thunder caused the people to hurry for their homes. An hour later the town was deserted, and rain was falling. Hence the after-supper program was abandoned.

There were 72 graduates against 50 last year and 17 the year before—all of which indicates the general advance in the schools.

COUNTY COURT AGAIN.

County court was again in session Monday. E. C. Spencer was allowed \$147.07, ditch work on 3.

Farmington hospital allowed \$65 on account of Mrs. Cynthia Randol. Jos. Utzinger, overseer district 13, allowed \$200.50 for road work.

John B. Gosche, overseer dist. 2, allowed \$303.94 for road work.

John Spalding, allowed \$75 on account of painting on poor farm.

Appraisers appointed in matter of glandered horses of Harvey E. Moore, near Prices Landing.

M. BLODGETT.

Friday was a gala day for those interested in education. Quite a crowd from here attended the graduating exercises at Benton and it was very interesting. All the contestants did nicely and especial mention is due Theon Schoen for his delivery in Latin and German. Miss Louise Morris, of our town, won the gold medal, and Blodgett is proud of her public school talent. We have seen our county graduates grow from 17 in 1907 to 72 in 1909.

There will be services and a basket dinner at Moore's chapel on the third Sunday in this month.

Miss Mayme Hale of Caruthersville visited her sister, Mrs. J. Ed. Green.

Miss Audrey Moxley of East Prairie visited Mrs. Morris last week.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Richardson died Friday.

FROM SILENT HILL.

Rev. G. W. Chapman of Sikeston will preach here the third Saturday night in June on "Socialism and the Bible." Everybody is invited, and especially the ministers.

All who doubt that Socialism and the Bible harmonize should hear Rev. Chapman.

Wheat growers are smiling over the prospects of good prices, but it is the other fellow who gets the \$1.65 per bushel while the farmer pays it when he buys flour. Crops in general are good around here; wheat cutting will begin the last of this week.

C. W. King and Pete Brown and family visit the family of Louis Williams Sunday, and T. J. Bonfield was the guest of G. W. Russell. We have preaching the second Saturday night and Sunday in each month by Rev. Smith, and Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m.

Mrs. H. J. Kindred is recovering from a protracted illness.

FROM OAK GROVE.

Our school board, J. L. Huey, J. Schneider and Sam Watts, directors, and J. R. Simpson, clerk, want bids on the erection of a new school house 36 ft. 4 in. long by 24 ft. 4 in. wide by 12 ft. high, with four windows on a side and two doors and an 8-foot porch in front. Contract to be let July 1.

Clyde Tisdal and Miss Cora Stirling were married at the Savannah church Sunday morning.

Over 800 people attended the Children's Day exercises at Savannah Sunday.

J. C. Burton left for Memphis Monday to attend the Confederate reunion.

Will Pike, of Samos, is visiting his uncle, J. T. Schneider.

Mrs. J. T. Schneider is up again.

A PRECAUTION.

Lady—"Will you send this rug on approval?"
Salesman—"Certainly, ma'am." Little girl (who is with her mother)—"Haden't you better tell him to be sure and get it there on time, mamma? You know we give the party tomorrow night."—Life.

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HERE AND YONDER.

Collector Chrismon has this week taken charge of the Vanduser bank as cashier. While retaining his residence here, Mr. Chrismon will have charge of the bank until fall, when he will attend to his duties as collector of taxes—after which it is said that he will again return to the bank. He has bought the stock of former cashier, Reese Allen and, perhaps, other shares. It is reported here that he will not be a candidate for re-election next year. Rumor has it that Robt. L. Buck is slated for the collectorship. It's a good job and pays somewhere between \$2,500 and \$3,000 per year for about six months work.

The first nine days of June brot in 13 cash subscriptions (five of which are new). The due-bill subscriptions are beginning to arrive—Alex. B. Thompson, of Blodgett heading the list with thirteen. If you want due-bills, write.

J. H. Branam of Vanduser was here Monday and ordered bills for the Socialist barbecue at Morley, July 3, printed. They will be ready by Saturday. Parties wishing to secure privileges on the grounds should see him.

Warren Vandegriff, who has been teaching telegraphy at Maryville, is home for the summer vacation.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

Lightning struck the residence of Barney Baudendistel, on the Benton and Oran road, last Friday evening. According to reports received here Barney was standing on the front porch and was knocked down, and the dresser mirror and the glass in picture frames hanging on the wall were broken.

Mr. and Mrs. August Schulte and Mrs. Matilda Schoen, of this place, and Otto Schoen, of Edna, spent Sunday evening with the family of Mike Dirnberger west of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Leible and George Leible of Kelso, visited Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Diebold Sunday, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goetz visited the family of George Dumey.

The little Misses Lorina Welter and Alvina Compas, of Kelso, are spending the week with the Misses Sybilla, Viola and Dora Diebold. Donat Scherer claims to have a 7-year-old cherry tree from which has been picked 32½ gallons of cherries this season.

Victor Bollinger of Benton and Miss Clementine Hahn of Schererville drove over to Edna Sunday. Otto Schoen of Edna, Otto Bles, of Macedonia, and Leo Geisner, of Oran, were here Sunday.

Adam Essner of Benton visited his daughter, Mrs. Charles Welter, at Anzell, Sunday.

A dance at Louis Kilhafner's Monday night was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bles visited Kelso Sunday.

FROM KELSO.

Solomon Diebold and children, Mr. and Mrs. George Kern, Mr. and Mrs. Theophil Scherer, Wm. Weidfeld and family of New Hamburg, Miss Maggie Link of Benton and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Diebold, of Caney, were visitors here Sunday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Tucker, while Mr. and Mrs. Otto Heisserer and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Menz are rejoicing over the arrival of daughters.

The marriage of Wm. Enderle and Miss Rosa Garvey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Garvey of Macedonia, was announced Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Goetz and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burger spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Leible.

FROM MACEDONIA.

Sylvester Pearl, the 9-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Romine, died Sunday morning and was buried at the Spradlin cemetery Monday.

Frank Gibson, of the regular army stationed in Alaska, is visiting his father, John Gibson, and will remain several months.

Mrs. B. Miller, who was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Belk, at Rockview, is home again.

Fritz Koch and wife, of Illinois, visited the family of his brother, Henry, Sunday.

Ward Smith and wife of Commerce, Sundayed with the family of Ed Garvey.

Services next Sunday at 2:30 p. m. by Rev. Denton of Commerce.

Jake Smith and Arthur Schwitz were at Fayetteville, Ill., Saturday.

Mrs. Emma Wilkerson is suffering from heart trouble.

F. McLain of Jonesboro, Ark. is visiting here.

FROM WYLLIE.

Our boys went over to Rockview Sunday and played those web-footed natives a good game of ball. At the 7th inning the score was two and two and at the game stood 7 to 8 in our favor. We play at the Bryans district next Sunday.

There is a great demand for farm hands. Hay harvest, corn plowing, and now wheat harvest.

The wheat crop around here looks fine and we are getting ready to harvest it.

Otto Miller has gone to New Hamburg to work.

Otto Heeb has a new separator.

FROM MORLEY.

Tony Layton has sold out his farm implements and possession on the Sterling Marshall place and wants to move back to town. Guess we'll have to let him in.

Mrs. Lou Ragains returned from St. Louis Monday, where she went to accompany her sister, Mrs. Allie Evans, to the hospital.

Wm. Black, C. P. Harris, Cale Porter and others took advantage of the Sunday excursion to Memphis.

Miss Frona Triplett went to the Cape this week to attend the State Normal school.

A teacher from St. Francois Co. has been employed to teach the Ward school.

N. C. Batts, of near Vanduser, visited R. L. Harrison Thursday.

Poe Dyer, of Cairo, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Hugh Johnson.

Thos. E. Curd and Mrs. McBride were married Saturday night.

The ball game here Sunday was 10 to 3 in favor of Chaffee.

Wm. Harmon is having his house re-painted.

J. H. Kirby was at Benton Saturday.

FROM VANDUSER.

H. L. Fields and wife and Miss Maude Vanduser, and Mrs. J. S. Wallace, Charles Chaney and Wm. Spann left Sunday for the reunion at Memphis.

Mrs. H. T. Mayes, who has been at Advance under medical treatment, has returned feeling considerably better.

Mrs. H. T. Mayes and Cline visited the former's sister in Arkansas last week, returning Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Bowman, of Illinois, visited here Sunday and will probably move back here.

Our town board put the lid on at its meeting Tuesday, even to the sale of ice cream on Sundays, it is said.

Mrs. Johnnie Gross, of Poplar Bluff, is the guest of her uncle, G. W. Layton.

Mrs. W. H. S. Miles has returned to her home at Doniphan.

Prof. John Neighbor of Sikeston has a class in music here.

Saturday and Sunday are Rev. Holland's regular dates.

C. J. Mason has a new piano. George Boston is sick.

FROM MULLINS ISLAND.

Mrs. J. W. Sullenger and children and Mrs. A. Carter visited the family of F. M. S' Barger Sunday.

Several from here attended the basket dinner at Hooe schoolhouse and report a good time.

N. Dabbs is attending the reunion of confederate veterans down at Memphis.

Rose Kilgore, of Sikeston, is visiting relatives here.

FROM BUGG RIDGE.

A. H. Phillips bought the crop of Tony Layton and will move on the place. Tony will go to Morley. Mrs. Lee Wellman was called to Morley Friday, because of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Harris.

Fred Thurston and family spent Sunday with the family of Charles Mason near Vanduser.

Tom Bugg's baby has flux.

FROM HOOE DISTRICT.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stephens and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Carter, of Morley, dined with the family of J. A. Thompson Sunday.

Oliver Randol, of Hickory Grove who will teach our school next fall, was here Sunday.

A fine horse belonging to Wm. Reeves died Sunday night.

W. T. Wilson had a mule severely cut Monday.

FROM ROOTWAD.

Mr. Matthews talks of moving back to town as soon as he is thru with his crop. We don't like to lose him, and if there was a federal judge handy we'd get out a writ of injunction.

Mrs. Polly Curtner visited her daughter at Essex Friday, and J. O. Trent and the Misses Nora and Delia Trent visited near Bloomfield Saturday.

Next Sunday we have communion services here and a large crowd and plenty of dinner is expected.

J. T. Gray visited relatives at Poplar Bluff Sunday and Ike Cloin was at Canalon.

Mr. Lindley's new house is finished and his barn soon will be.

F. M. Trent and Wm. Carr were at Morehouse.

The dredge boats have shut down

FROM BELL CITY.

A painful accident occurred to the 3-year-old son of W. G. Fyle. While playing in some old rubbish he got hold of a bottle containing carbolic acid and spilled some of it on him. He was very painfully but not seriously burned.

Miss Nellie Sitz and Cabot Biffe have returned from Fredericktown, where they attended school.

W. R. Reynolds visited Morley last week and returned with Golda and Oma Goodin, for whom he is guardian, and placed them here in the home of Lee Schnitz.

C. O. Bennett is loading a car of corn which he sold at 72 cents per bushel.

Walter Irwin of Pettine was here last week.

Whispering Smith

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IN MEMORY

Of Sylvester Pearl Romine, beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. George Romine, who departed this life on the morning of June 6, 1909, at the tender age of nine months and five days. Funeral services were held at the Spradlin cemetery, where the writer tried, in his humble way, to address a very attentive assemblage of sorrowing and sympathizing people, after which the little body was tenderly laid to rest in the "House prepared for all living" to await the call of the Master, when he shall bid it arise with the likeness of Christ and in the bloom of immortality.

We know not where, we know not when. This early pilgrimage will end; But nature doth the truth unfold, That death awaits both young and old. And were it not that Heaven's King, Who reigns o'er death and everything, Had power to raise our sleeping dust, We could but perish; we would; we must. C. M. WEAVER.

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